

WRITING ASSESSMENT

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The best gift I have ever received is different from many gifts because I worked hard for it. The gift was a scholarship which entitled me to spend two weeks dancing in Los Angeles free of charge. The gift was special because it was a trip to California which is my favorite city, I received the gift by being one of the best people in class, and it was an amazing learning experience.

I know most gifts are those top of the line electronics, but what kind of gift lets you travel across America to California! I had the chance to dance for two weeks at one of the best dance studios in America. I took class that week from some of the best choreographers in the dancing business.

Another reason this gift was special to me is because I got it by being the best dancer in my age group. I received this scholarship by auditioning in front of talented dancers who taught at the convention my studio was at. It is truly an honor to get such a great opportunity for being the best. It just goes to show that doing your best by trying hard really has rewards at the end.

Finally, the last reason this gift was so special to me is the fact that it was such an amazing learning experience. I believe it was because I not only became a better dancer, but became a better person. I say that because I really noticed how blessed I was by having a family that supports me, a dance teacher who gave up many things to take me, and God for giving me such an amazing talent. I'm truly blessed to be where I am, and who I am today.

So as you can see this gift really meant a lot to me. It gave me a trip to sunny California, it showed me that I was the

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best in the class, and finally, it was an amazing learning experience. I love getting gifts that I have worked hard for, and I'm sure you do to. I hope to get more gifts like that in the future.

Score Point: 5

This response reflects a strong degree of proficiency in expository writing skills. The writer takes an unconventional approach to the assignment by selecting a scholarship as the favorite gift. Key reasons for this selection are coherently developed and tightly organized (it was a trip to California, I got it by being the best dancer, and it was an amazing learning experience). Syntactic variety and facility in the use of language are exhibited (entitled, top of the line electronics, and I not only became a better dancer but became a better person). There are few writing errors, and sophisticated sentence structure is employed. Further development is needed for a higher score.